

I. REVIEW – PS. 27:4-5

One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 8 When You said, “Seek My face,” My heart said to You, “Your face, Lord, I will seek.” Ps. 27: 4-5, 8

- A. David set a value in his heart that he would never turn from the rest of his days. He recognized that God’s presence in his life was more valuable than any earthly treasure. David elevated relationship with God and God’s tangible presence above anything else to be pursued.
- B. It was God’s presence above all else that drove David’s mission (assignments), empowered his leadership and which he sought to give away to the next generation.
- C. As a people of presence I am calling us to the following heart standards. I am calling us to be: people of prayer, joyful-happy holiness, generosity of spirit, and Spirit led, Spirit filled life.
- D. People of Presence
 - 1. One thing, one focus, one desire
 - 2. Our pursuit all our days
 - 3. Dwell in God’s presence
- E. People of Prayer
 - 1. ***Intimacy*** – *To behold the beauty of the Lord* (Ps. 27:4d)
 - 2. ***Intercession*** – *To inquire in his temple* (Ps. 27: 4e)

II. SPIRIT FILLED, SPIRIT LED

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Rom. 8: 14-17

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endowed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

- A. We want to be people who are Spirit filled and Spirit led.

- B. Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Jesus' work on the cross enabled every believer to be inhabited by Holy Spirit. Now, God's law is not just written on tablets of stone, in a book or scroll, but most importantly written on the human heart.
- D. And Jesus promised the gift of Holy Spirit as the power source of our lives and how God would lead us. Holy Spirit's primary work is to maintain our loving connection with God, to convict us of sin, and lead us daily.
- E. Paul tells us in Romans 8: 15-16 that God's Spirit is sent to us and helps us recognize God as our Father enabling us to turn from other false forms in our lives that bring us into deeper bondage.
- F. Holy Spirit empowers our relationships and leads us through life. Holy Spirit inspires our desires, empowers our assignments, and strengthens our obedience in a world filled with power confrontations.
- G. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the sick are healed, the dead are raised, the gospel is preached, our witness of Jesus Christ circles the globe, we parent our children, we finish school...
- H. By the power of the HS, homes are lead, families are built, economies are established, weddings occur...
- I. It is Holy Spirit that helps us with our sense of mission, and the destiny we have been given by the Lord to walk out in this life.
- J. Like the conductor of a great orchestra, Holy Spirit connects the body of Christ together in one great symphony. Every tribe and tongue has a story to tell and a gift to give.

III. OUR MISSION

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:18-20

- A. Jesus invests Holy Spirit in us, and this is the secret of our authority in this present age. He calls us into His story and tells us to bring others into this same story.
- B. David believed the presence of God was the authority he needed to live in this world and walk out his assignments.
- C. If you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit, I encourage you to seek the Lord regarding this gift. His empowerment is for all. If you are filled with the Spirit, taking time during your day to pray in the spirit will build your life and loose Holy Spirit direction.
- D. Learn to listen to Holy Spirit's nudgings. Many times the Spirit inspires us through small impressions. Learn to listen to them and follow them.

- E. Our mission at CFG – to be people of presence, people of prayer, filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit to give away what we have been given by God.
- F. Some practicals –
 - 1. Are you carrying a people group or nation in prayer on a regular basis?
 - 2. Mission begins at home...talk to your family about Jesus, your neighbors, your peers, those around you.
 - a. We need to get past any fear we have of talking to others about the hope of Christ in us. This is one way we demonstrate our love for Christ, that we are willing to bear any reproach or pushback for the sake of the gospel.
 - b. In future we will be offering small workshops to help you break that fear and empower us to share our faith.
 - 3. Who are the people God has shared his burden with you about...are there any around you.
 - 4. Financial support. Can you set aside from your discretionary income support for missions? That which is given above your regular tithes not substituting for your tithes.